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Report of the Human Rights Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. An account of the general discussion and the previous recommendation made by the Third Committee to the General Assembly under this item appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/63/435.

2. For the documents before the Committee under this item, see A/63/435.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57 and Rev.1

3. At the 39th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and Mauritius (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council" (A/C.3/63/L.57). Subsequently, Costa Rica joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

4. At its 48th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1), submitted by Mauritius on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

5. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.3/63/L.77.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57 by replacing the word "endorses" with the word "acknowledges".

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7. The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57, as orally revised.

8. Also at the 48th meeting, the Secretary informed the Committee that, in the light of the revision made to draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57, the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/63/L.77 no longer applied.

9. Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Mauritius (see A/C.3/63/SR.48).

10. The Secretary spoke to clarify a point and the representative of Mauritius, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 117 to 5, with 55 abstentions (see para. 13). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

12. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), New Zealand (on behalf also of Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), the United States of America, Costa Rica, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Mexico; after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Uruguay, the Sudan, Nigeria and Zimbabwe (see A/C.3/63/SR.48).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

13. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Human Rights Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,[1]

Takes note of the report of the Human Rights Council,[1] and acknowledges the recommendations contained therein.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/63/53) and ibid., *Supplement No. 53 A* (A/63/53/Add.1).